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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Please add new Fig. 3 as attached hereto.

REMARKS

Claims 7 to 22 have been amended. Claims 1 to 6 were previously canceled.

Independent claims 7 and 18 have been amended to begin with the following language:

“A pleat or corrugation of a bellows of a connection between two hinge-linked vehicles or vehicle bodies, the bellows comprising...”

The above quoted language parallels the language in original Claim 1 and sets forth the vehicles and the connection between two hinge-linked vehicles. Since amended claims 7 to 22 set forth the vehicles and the connection between the two hinge-linked vehicles and in addition, parallels the language used in original claim 1 as set forth hereinabove, it is respectfully submitted that the amended claims herein are now directed to the elected invention.

Attached hereto is a proposed new Fig. 3 which shows the vehicle body V1, V2 along with the bellows 1. The bellows 1 is further described in applicant's

specification, for example, on page 4, line 10. It is respectfully submitted that the addition of new Fig. 3 is not new matter, because a person skilled in the art is familiar with articulated busses, for example, having a bellows arrangement between two hinge vehicle bodies.

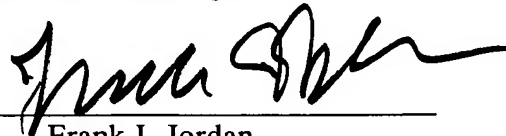
It is respectfully requested that the Examiner considers the previously filed Amendment dated October 25, 2004 along with the attachment thereto. The Remarks in the attachment in such previously filed Amendment address in detail all of the 35 U.S.C. objections in the Official Action dated June 24, 2004.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that amended claim 7 to 21 are directed to the elected invention and further that such claims are free of 35 U.S.C. 112 objections. Accordingly, issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enc. Proposed Fig. 3